



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

28 SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU  
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN AND  
INSPECTION SERVICES FOR VARIOUS CREEK CROSSINGS REPAIRS  
PROJECT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ONGOING CORROSION  
MONITORING, CONTROL, AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a consultant services agreement for design, inspection, and construction support services for the repair of corrosion damage on water mains located at eight bridge creek crossings in Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu; and development of an ongoing corrosion monitoring, control, and maintenance program.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a consultant services agreement with RMC Water and Environment for design, inspection, and construction support services for the repair of corrosion damage on water mains located at eight bridge creek crossings in Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu; and development of an ongoing corrosion monitoring, control, and maintenance program for a not-to-exceed fee of \$335,000, including \$30,422 for unforeseen additional work.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, to repair cross-creek, above-ground water mains along Pacific Coast Highway that have sustained corrosion damage over time. These water mains include the only transmission main that supplies water to the City of Malibu and surrounding unincorporated areas. Additionally, the recommendation will allow for the development of an ongoing corrosion monitoring, control, and maintenance program for these creek crossings.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended action will help meet these goals by improving the reliability of the existing water system to meet the current domestic and fire protection water demands of the community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The recommended consulting services agreement is for a not-to-exceed fee of \$335,000, including \$30,422 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work within this amount will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works or her designee. Funding for the agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 District Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33).

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

RMC Water and Environment was selected in 2009 following the contracting process set forth below pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4526, et seq. The Department of Public Works (Public Works) will complete the negotiation of the agreement, including the fee for services, pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4528.

RMC Water and Environment has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code, Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

The agreement will be based on the form included in the 2009 Request for Proposals, which has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Additionally, the agreement will contain special provisions requiring RMC Water and Environment to comply with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and the standard provisions mandated by your Board.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The consultant services under this agreement do not constitute a project or approval of a project pursuant to Section 301 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4526, et seq., on September 2, 2009, Public Works sent out a Request for Proposals to develop a select list of engineering consultants to provide design and inspection services for water distribution systems. The proposals were sent to 22 firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. In their selected order, the firms determined to be best qualified were RMC Water and Environment, RBF Consulting, Cannon, MWH, Bureau Veritas, and AKM Consulting.

The firms are assigned work with abridged Requests for Proposals in the selected order. Therefore, Public Works is recommending the award of the first agreement to RMC Water and Environment, the first firm on the list.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. RMC Water and Environment is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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County Counsel  
Executive Office